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Trying Baroness For the Murder Of Gustav Simon



BARONESS DE MASSY,
Whose Trial Begins in New York Today for the Murder of Gustav Simon,
Wealthy Shirtwaist Maker.

IS ASSISTED BY RELATIVES AND OFFICIALS

First Noblewoman to
Face Such a Charge
in America.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Handsome, trim, and stylishly dressed, the Baroness de Massy went to the bar before Justice Blanchard today to be tried for her life for the murder of Gustav Simon, a wealthy shirtwaist maker. So far as known she is the first woman of undeniably noble title who has ever been placed on trial for murder in the United States.

Confidence was given the black-eyed, plump-faced little woman by knowledge that support and financial assistance is being extended to her by wealthy and influential connections in France.

This was shown today when Maurice Hellman, of the French consulate, called upon her at the Tombs and remained in close conversation for more than an hour.

Mr. Hellman has been assiduous in his interest. It is understood that ample funds have been placed at the disposal of the Baroness' lawyer, former Assistant District Attorney Charles L. Barbier.

Mr. Le Barbier intimated today that the case would furnish remarkable developments and that, in spite of every seeming evidence to the contrary, the Baroness de Massy did not shoot Simon. More than 100 talesmen were in court today, and the work of selecting a jury was begun.

The defense, it is said, will be a case of mistaken identity. The prosecution, however, contends that the woman and Simon had a dispute over wages due her, and the Baroness shot the manufacturer.

On the afternoon of November 18, last year, the Baroness entered Simon's office. It is charged, and fired three shots at him, only one of which took effect. It entered his lung and he died at a hospital after he had accused her of being his slayer.

The only thing upon which the

JUDGES CHOOSE MOST BEAUTIFUL FOR WASHINGTON

Photograph and Name
Will Be Published in
Sunday Times Next
Sunday.

The most beautiful woman in Washington has been selected by the judges of the great final beauty contest of The Sunday Times to decide who is the superlative beauty of the city.

Her name and her photograph will be published in The Sunday Times next Sunday.

Upon her will fall the duty and the honor of defending and proving the truth of the National Capital's fame as the home of the country's loveliest women.

Washington a Sure Winner.
With her selection, The Sunday Times is entirely pleased. If the national contest is decided according to all the standards of art and beauty—and it will be—Washington, with the representative chosen, should have no trouble in carrying off the prize in the great competition between the cities, States, and sections.

Plans for the national contest are under way, and the contest will begin as soon as all the cities, States, and sections have chosen the women they think best fitted to represent them in the most gigantic beauty contest ever held on the earth.

More Lovely Than Photograph.
That Washington's beauty is best represented by the woman chosen is proved by a look at her face. She is prettier than her photograph, and none has ever seen her save to call her beautiful. No happier selection could possibly have been made under any circumstances.

In addition to her name and photograph, there will be in The Sunday Times next Sunday a story of how the prize beauty of all the city accepted the news of her triumph and how she says it feels to be called the most beautiful woman among thousands.

Her photograph was selected after a careful scrutiny by the judges of a total of 1,736 photographs that were submitted while the beauty quest of The Sunday Times was in progress.

Name and Address
Of Writer Wanted

If the writer of a postal card addressed to the Beauty Editor, Sunday Times, and signed "Ann Observer," will send correct name and address, information of interest will be imparted.

BURGE HANGED; PAYING PENALTY FOR HIS CRIME

Negro Slayer of Wife Expiates Sin on Gallows At Noon.

Confined in Jail Under Death Sentence More Than Two Years.

Weakened at the Last and Sobbed Hysterically On Scaffold.

Explaining his crime of wife-murder, William Burge, colored, was hanged at the United States jail here at noon today, more than two years after the commission of the crime.

Burge shot his wife, Daisy, because she refused to live with him. Motions for a new trial based on a defense of insanity and appeals to higher courts, and finally to the President of the United States, delayed the execution until today.

The trap was sprung at 12:05 and Burge was pronounced dead thirty minutes later.

Just before the black cap was adjusted Burge gave a hysterical sob and glanced up at the beam to which the rope was attached.

Burge Confident Up to the Last Of Escaping Fate

"I'll not die tomorrow; it won't be no skiddoo day for me," declared Burge yesterday morning. He had given the hangman the dodge so often that he really believed he would eventually cheat the gallows entirely. Burge was regarded by the other inmates of the jail as a man with a charmed life, and because of his insane actions and speech he attracted more attention than any other cell tenant.

For more than two years the shadows of death were constantly darkening, and the more certainly enduring Burge in an eternal gloom. Seven times did justice fix the day on which his life should be forfeited for his crime, but on the eve of his execution a ray of hope would break through the ominous clouds and the murderer was re-inspired.

In the neighborhood in which Burge resided life was considered a bad "nigger," and, with the exception of a few near relatives, the members of the community where he lived have not expressed any regret at his removal.

Left Wife Weltering in Blood.

He was described at his trials as a man of bad, jealous temper and it was said he never lived happily with his wife or her relatives. In fact, the night he shot his wife to death, it is also said, he left her weltering in blood and then went in search of his mother-in-law and made a deadly assault upon her.

In many respects the Burge case has been the most remarkable ever tried in the District courts. Twice he was convicted of murder; twice declared sane by lunacy commissions; on three separate occasions sentenced to be hanged and seven times was the date of his execution postponed.

Insanity Developed After Conviction.
After being first convicted, and while awaiting the result of his appeal to the District Court of Appeals, Burge developed or shammed insanity, and since that time had been apparently in a comatose state. While in this condition he was taken into court and once tried for murder, and a second time had his mental condition passed upon by a commission in lunacy.

During all this time, however, Burge would have what might be termed lucid moments. Then he would express himself, sometimes as very anxious to die, and at others would declare that he was not, and that he was waiting for his wife to come to him, as she had promised to do.

Eats Heartily, Sleeps Well.

Within the past few months there did not appear to have been a change of any consequence in Burge's physical condition. It is said he ate heartily, and generally slept well except at midnight. At such times, it is said, he often awoke as if from some dreadful dream, and started the inmates of the jail near him by unearthly screams.

Credit Due His Counsel.

Burge also had the distinction of being the only person ever sentenced to death in the District twice the same day, and not executed.

The fate of Burge was in the hands of Attorneys James O'Shea and W. W. Bridge, who were appointed by the court to defend him. That they left nothing undone in their client's behalf is shown by the fact that he was not executed until more than two years after his crime. Both attorneys were hampered by lack of funds from Burge to prosecute a last appeal.

Several days ago President Roosevelt was asked to exercise executive clemency in Burge's case. The petition prepared by Attorneys O'Shea and Bridge was sent to the Department of Justice.

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Great Combat in Ohio Lists; Knights Tilt for Lady's Love



Then all the knights who were with Sir Taft came forth to behold what their champion would do, and all their esquires, pages, and attendants came forth for the same purpose, and it was a very pleasant time of day for jousting.

Then, first of all, Sir Foraker essayed Sir Taft. Sir Foraker took stand for battle, as did Sir Taft likewise, and when they were in allwise prepared they rushed very violently to the assault. Sir Taft smote Sir Foraker so dreadful, terrible a blow that he broke his spear and cast him a full spear's length over the crupper of his horse, so that Sir Foraker groaned dolorously, and could not rise from where he lay.

"Hah!" quoth Sir Harriman, "that was a very wonderful buffet you struck, my fellow. I do not wish to have ado with such a knight as you."

Then all the knights of the administration forces gave loud acclaim that their knight had borne himself so well in the encounter. But Sir Taft rode back to where Sir Foraker still lay upon the ground, and he said: "Well, Sir Foraker, this is no very good hap that you have had with me." And Sir Foraker agreed that it was no very good hap, so far as he was concerned.—From Chicago Tribune.

SEVEN BIG FIRES KILL 2; INJURE 6; LOSS OF \$250,000 Three Men Missing, Two Hundred and Fifty Horses Burn, Fire Engines Wrecked, and Narrow Escapes in New York.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Two men known to have been burned to death, three men missing and thought to be dead in the ruins, half a dozen men injured, one taken to the hospital in a serious condition, 250 horses burned to death, fire engines wrecked in collisions with trolley cars, a number of narrow escapes from death in the flames, and a property loss of \$250,000, were the results of seven fires that kept the fire department on the jump and caused intense excitement in a large section of the upper East Side early today.

All the fire engine companies from Fifty-first and 104th street, east of Central Park, were in service at one time, and the rest of that district for several hours was without fire protection.

Dispatch Express Company Burns.

The most serious of the fires was that which destroyed the Dispatch Express Company's stables, formerly the Christopher street car barns of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, a three-story brick building at 333-374 Christopher street, running through to Barrow street.

When the fire was under control in this building the charred body of a man, believed to be a stable man, was found in the ruins. A little later the searchers found the body of Carmine Parso, a stableman, thirty-five years old, of 419 First avenue. He had been suffocated on the third floor.

Three Men Were Asleep.

Three other men known to have been sleeping in the building are missing, and it was believed their bodies are in the ruins.

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VISIT TO OHIO NOT POLITICAL, TAFT ASSERTS

"I have so many important things on my mind that I have not time to think much of politics," said Secretary Taft today. "I am going out to Ohio to fill some engagements that I made some time ago, but in the speeches that I shall make I shall not touch upon the political situation."

This was the Secretary's statement before he went to the Cabinet meeting today after his return from a month's trip to the canal zone, Porto Rico, and Cuba.

Whether as a result of his conferences with the President today he will change his mind is yet to be indicated.

The Secretary and his party, which included Senator Kittredge, Representatives Burton and De Armond and former Governor Winthrop, of Porto Rico, reached the Capital last night at 11:30, aboard the Presidential yacht Mayflower. The Secretary, as well as all the members of his party, returned in fine health and spirits, and expatiated on the way the dirt is "flying" on the isthmus, on the prosperity of the Porto Ricans, and on the contentment of the Cubans under American protection.

Visit to Ohio.

The Secretary's account of his trip failed to reveal anything politically sensational. The only reference he made to Ohio was in a paragraph telling of his engagements to attend the meeting of the Western Federation of Yale Clubs at Cincinnati on the 28th; the cornerstone laying of the Y. M. C. A. building at Dayton the following day; and the annual meeting of the Business Men's Club at Cincinnati on the 29th.

The Secretary pays a high compliment to the engineers at work on the Panama canal, and the executive ability of the men in charge of affairs in both Porto Rico and Cuba. Speaking of the Cuban troubles, he said:

Cuba and Porto Rico.

"General Barry and Governor Magoon both reported that the order in the island is excellent, and I think there is every ground for hope that the plan adopted of taking a census and holding a preliminary election, and then a general election six months later, will result in the selection of a President and a congress who will be able to maintain themselves and give a stable rule to the island."

CANNON OPPOSED TO TAFT

Will Help Fairbanks to Necessary Votes.

Speaker at the Home of Vice President Yesterday.

Result of Deal Made Between Them in January.

Secretary Taft got back to Washington just in time to notice some new evidence that the Fairbanks boom is still marching on. The report that Speaker Cannon has gone into the Fairbanks camp and promised to support the Indiana man, has been fully confirmed here. The Speaker was the guest of the Vice President at the latter's Indianapolis home yesterday, when politics was discussed.

Deal Made Last January.

It develops that the deal between Fairbanks and Cannon was made last January. Just how it was brought about is still a mystery, for less than a year before that time Cannon had been greatly incensed against the Vice President. He suspected Fairbanks of organizing a powerful fight on Cannon because of the latter's alleged opposition to the pure food law. It has always been understood here that this was substantially true, and that this airing of matters related to the food law had much to do with getting that measure out of the House committed and passed. How the differences were patched up is known only to insiders, and they will not tell. The fact that Cannon has for three months been pledged to Fairbanks is, however, known beyond question.

Fairbanks Strong in Senate.

Speaker Cannon is boss of the House, and Fairbanks, though not ex officio powerful in the Senate, is personally very strong there. Thus the combination of Cannon and Fairbanks, both conservatives, is taken to be a big victory for the conservative interests that want to head off the President's progressive legislative program for next winter. There is suspicion that the President's alliance with Cannon, made for the purpose of the last Congress, may be ended, and that its renewal will not be secured easily. That opens the possibility that the White House might find it necessary to make a fight on Cannon's re-election next December.

Cannon and Deneen Are the Powers.

Cannon and Deneen are the big personal powers in Illinois, and they are opposed to each other. Deneen is relied upon to take up the cudgels for progressivism in the State, and to lead the fight to prevent naming a delegation which can be swung to Fairbanks. The fight will be a close one.

Bourne's Macedonian Call.

Senator Bourne of Oregon, putative host of the alleged dinner at which the \$5,000,000 conspiracy was a subject of conversation, has contributed to the political discussion a Macedonian call for another term of Roosevelt. Senator Bourne is regarded by some folks as an overzealous friend of the President, by others as representing, in his proclamation at this time, the wish that Roosevelt shall be kept in consideration for re-election. It is understood that the "right man" of the House, Mr. Taft, is in the race, and one is at liberty to take his choice without the usual preliminary of paying his money.

Anyhow, Senator Bourne thinks the country is in a critical political phase, in which four years more of Roosevelt is necessary, and he is disposed to raise this battery, pointing out that if the people demand it the President cannot refuse.

Is President's Devoted Friend.

Senator Bourne is a Harvard man, a devoted friend of the President, and has been constantly in consultation with the President of late. He is regarded as likely to handle Administration political interests in the far Northwest during the preliminaries to the 1908 convention. Roosevelt is very strong in his section, and his pronouncement in favor of a third term may be accounted for on the theory that the political machines of the railroads are also strong in that section, and that without the cement of Roosevelt loyalty to hold them in line till organization around a new campaign can be effected, the people might drift away and get tangled up in the coils of the machines.

TO CREMATE BODY OF MRS. SHIRLEY P. BOYD

Mrs. Shirley Potter Boyd, wife of S. P. Boyd, a civil engineer, died at her home, 184 Lawrence street, Brookland, D. C., yesterday, after an illness of nearly two years.

Funeral services, which will be private, will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow at Lee's undertaking establishment, the Rev. Dr. Kent, of the People's Church, officiating. The remains will be cremated.

Mrs. Boyd, who was in her twenty-eighth year, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to this city nine years ago. Shortly after her marriage, and has since lived in Brookland, D. C. Her husband and two children, Kenneth and Allen, aged seven and four years, respectively, survive her.

Finest of Lumber, \$2 per 100 feet.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh variable winds and showery weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 53
12 noon 57
1 p. m. 58

DOWNTOWN TEMPERATURE.
(Registered Affleck's Standard Thermometer.)
9 a. m. 61
12 noon 65
1 p. m. 69

SUN TABLE.
Sun sets today 6:45
Sun rises tomorrow 5:15

TIDE TABLE.
High water today 4:20 p. m.
Low water today 11:05 p. m.
High water tomorrow 5:15 p. m.
Low water tomorrow, 11:22 a. m., 11:51 p. m.

HARPERS FERRY, Va., April 23.—Potomac and Shenandoah rivers clear.

Dressed Palings, headed, \$2 per 100.

Libbey & Co., 6th and New York ave.

Dressed Pickets, square, \$2 per 100.

Beautiful Boards, \$2 per 100 feet.

Very nice Flooring, \$2.50 per 100 feet.

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